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FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

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SUBJ: TERRORIST SUSPECTS CAUGHT NEAR JERICHO; INCIDENTS IN
JERUSALEM

REF: JERUSALEM 1606

1. ISRAELI PRESS AND RADIO REPORT CAPTURE AUG 24 BY ISRAELI ARMY
PATROL NEAR JERICHO OF THREE ARMED MEN THOUGHT TO BE FATAH
TERRORISTS. JERUSALEM POST STATES THEY CARRIED SIX BAZOOKAS IN
ADDITION TO PERSONAL WEAPONS, THAT THEY HAD COME FROM SYRIA
VIA JORDAN, CROSSING RIVER NIGHT OF AUG 23. IT IS ASSUMED THEY
INTENDED CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN JERUSALEM AREA.
ACCORDING TO POST THIS IS FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH TERRORISTS IN
JORDAN VALLEY SINCE JUNE 1972 WHEN 12 CAPTURED AND
ONE KILLED.

2. LOCAL MEDIA ALSO REPORT DISCOVERY NIGHT OF AUG 25 OF SMALL
BOMB HIDDEN IN LOAF OF BREAD LEFT IN BASKET IN MAIN WEST
JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL MARKET, VERY NEAR LOCATION OF EXPLOSIVE
CHARGE DISCOVERED AUG 20 (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO POST BOMB
CONSISTED OF 500 GRAMS OF EXPLSIVES PLUS DETONATOR AND WRIST
WATCH TIMING DEVICE. IT WUB IN BASKET OF FRUIT LEFT BY CUSTOMER
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WHO SAID HE WOULD RETURN LATER. SUSPICIONS WERE AROUSED WHEN

HE DID NOT RETURN AFTER SEVERAL HOURS. POLICE WERE CALLED AND
DISMANTLED BOMB SAFELY.

3. AT ABOUT 1:30 A.M. AUG 24 PERSONAL AUTO OF MAHMOUD ABU SALAF,
EDITOR OF LEADING JERUSALEM ARABIC DAILY AL QUDS, WAS FIRE
BOMBED OUTSIDE GATE OF HIS RESIDENCE IN EAST JERUSALEM. ABU
ZALAF TOLD CONGENOFF WHO OCCUPIES APARTMENT ON GROUND FLOOR
IN SAME HOUSE THAT HE THOUGHT COMMUNISTS RESPONSIBLE. COMMENT:
ABU ZALAF HAS BEEN THREATENED BY PLO TERRORISTS FROM TIME TO TIME.
WHILE AL QUDS IS INDEPENDENT IT IS REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED
FINANCIALLY FROM AMMAN. ABU ZALAF HAS EDITORIALY SUPPORTED
SADAT'S EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN HUSSEIN
AND PLO AND HAS RECENTLY TAKEN LINE QUITE FRIENDLY TO HUSSEIN
WHILE TRYING TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENT WEST BANK POSITION.
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